

Instituto Francisco Sá Carneiro

The Francisco Sá Carneiro Institute was created in 1980, on the initiative of several Portuguese distinguished personalities at politic, academic and social level.

Its main goal was to help to consolidate the Portuguese democracy (following the Revolution of 1974) and to invest on the promotion of ideas and the formation of qualified people.

Seminaries, Conferences, workshops, debates, research projects, support to magazines of political thought, promotion of editions and organisation of formation courses were some of the main activities of the Institute over the years.

On the development of its actions, particularly on the first years, the Sá Carneiro Institute has been able to count with the support of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and later on from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

In our days, the Institute counts on its Board of directors with one hundred of the most distinguished personalities of the country.

The chairman of the General Council is Francisco Pinto Balsemão, former Prime-Minister of Portugal and a prestigious manager of the media (he is in charge of the most known and read week-newspaper of the country - Expresso - and of one of the main television channels, along with other Radio Stations and other newspapers and magazines).

In the field of formation of young professionals, the Sá Carneiro Institute has been promoting, annually, the organisation of a Summer University directed to a young public of around 100 participants and taking place during one week. This became the most prestigious initiative for the formation of young politician in Portugal.

It has been regularly promoting actions of intensive formation of local political representatives (four days duration) and the organisation of a "Universidade Europa" (three days duration) for young people that would like to deepen their knowledge of European affairs.

At this moment, the Francisco Sá Carneiro Institute is in a process of updating its structures and intends to reinforce their activities in the field of formation, to create a interactive and very modern site (it will be launched during this month of November) and to invest in the following projects:

- Portugal 2020 - definition of an action programme, for the next decade, with new approaches and new answers. The reflexion over Portugal 2020 will focus on eight key-areas, that will be organised around Employment and Prosperity (Portugal: qualified, dynamic, easy and global) and Cohesion and sustainability (Portugal: equality, cohesion, freedom and sustainability).

- Cities 2020 - In Portugal, like in all developed countries, people live each time more in cities. The cities are growing and so do their problems.

How can we live better in our cities?

Which are the solutions for the new problems?

Which have been the good practices and the good results accomplished in Portugal?

What is still necessary to be done?

These are the main questions for the cities 2020, that will be put into debate. These initiatives will be organised, counting with the participation of national and international guests and in scenarios of interactive debate, on the Internet website of the Institute.

- Nova Narrativa Novas Ideias - the ideological reflexion is always present in the IFSC. The modern society in which we are living, the evolution of the Science and technology, our European integration and the outcomes of globalisation are the new challenges that we need to face.

The answers of yesterday are not any longer the solution for the new problems, for that reason, in "Nova Narrativa, Novas Ideias" we interpellate modernity.

- Structural Indicators - The IFSC promotes a regular analysis of the main structural indicators; the health of our economy and social cohesion. The aim is to analyse the major tendencies of the social and economic evolution and its impact, to identify the major concerns and expectations of the Portuguese people and to analyse the capabilities and limitations of Portugal in order to answer the challenges.

- International Relations Observatory - The Institute is going to promote a Permanent Observatory for International Relations, involving actual and former officials from the Foreign Affairs Ministry, former members of the Government, Members of the Parliament and Ambassadors.